Prime Minister has announced the formation of an Empowered Action Group within the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, in particular for paying focussed attention to the six weekly performing States *viz.* Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Orissa, Assam and Uttar Pradesh.

(b) and (c) The Non-Government Organisations have already been involved in the implementation of the National Family Welfare Programme. The monitoring and appraisal of progammes implemented by NGOs has been strengthened by a system of Mother NGOs and Field NGOs attached to them. For the implementation of the National Population Policy, 2000 the Government will actively enlist the support of NGOs as well as private sector, in a concrete way.

(d) and (e) The impact of the family welfare programme is significant since its inception in 1952, though not enough. The new National Population Policy approved by the government in February, 2000 seeks to put in place a multi sectoral agenda for population stabilisation which includes increasing out-reach and coverage of reproductive and child health care services, strengthening of health infrastructure, meeting the unmet need for contraception services, and converging of integrated service delivery at village and household levels.

Addiction to Intoxication

†1464. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that new generation is gradually being addicted to intoxication;

(b) if so, whether Government have conducted any survey for treatment of youths who are the victims of addiction to intoxication; and

(c) the number of de-addiction centres all over the country and the number of people living in them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

AND FAMILY WELFARE [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) and (b) Based on information received from de-addiction treatment, Rehabilitation, Drug Awareness, Counselling and Assistance Centres it has been estimated that 15.39% of the addicts fall within the age group of 12 to 23 years during 1999-2000. However, no national level survey has been conducted so far. Government of India has recently initiated a National Survey to assess the extent, trend and pattern of Alcohol and Drug Abuse in the country covering all age groups.

(c) The number of Drug De-addiction Centres in the country at present is 390. These centres provide outdoor treatment as well as admit patients, if necessary, for indoor treatment. An estimated 2.75 lakh persons have registered themselves in these centres for services during 1999-2000.

Surprise Check of CGHS Dispensary, R.K. Puram

1465. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether surprise check was conducted by Additional Director, CGHS, South Zone and M/s of Health (Vigilance) in the month of May and June, 2000 at Sector-12, CGHS dispensaries, R.K. Puram, New Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon;

(c) whether it is a fact that despite surprise checking, the dispensaries open only at 8 a.m. and close before 1 p.m.;

(d) whether there is any proposal to transfer the doctors/staff not coming in time; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and by when the said transfer orders are proposed to be effected?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Both the Homoeopathic and Allopathic Dispensaries in R.K. Puram, Sector-12, were found to be functioning normally.

A delay in opening of Ayurvedic dispensary, R.K. Puram, Sector-